

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Yuji Horie, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NMCIP046

Application No.: 10/776,372

Examiner: L.V. Falasco

Filed: February 10, 2004

Group: 1773

Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING MAGNETIC  
HARD DISK SUBSTRATE (as amended)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on April 7, 2005.

Signed: *Deborah Neill*

Deborah Neill

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND**  
**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Requirement For Restriction, and a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.



Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NMCIP046).



Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NMCIP046).

Respectfully submitted,  
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP

*Keiichi Nishimura*  
Keiichi Nishimura  
Reg. No. 29,093

P.O. Box 70250  
Oakland, CA 94612-0250  
(510) 663-1100



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yuji Horie, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/776,372  
Filed: February 10, 2004  
For: MAGNETIC HARD DISK  
SUBSTRATE AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING  
SAME  
Group Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: L. V. Falasco  
Attorney Docket: NMCI P046

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**


Date of Deposit: April 7, 2005

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown above, being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box 1450, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313.

Typed or printed name of person mailing:

Deborah Neill

  
Signature of person mailing

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

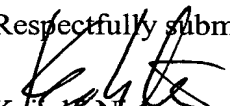
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated March 21, 2005 in the above-referenced application as between Group I, consisting of claims 1-3 and Group II consisting of claims 4-16, applicant hereby elects Group II consisting of claims 4-16 to be examined first. The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

It now goes without saying that applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application regarding Group I currently not elected.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kenichi Nishimura  
Registration No. 29,093

April 7, 2005  
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP  
500 12th Street, Suite 200  
Oakland, CA 94607  
Telephone: (510) 663-1100  
Telefax: (510) 663-0920

NMCI P046